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RE: BOA's review of legal publication fees pursuant to SDCL 17-2-19

Dear Stakeholders:

The South Dakota Bureau of Administration has received a request to adjust the publication rates found in ARSD 10:02:02:01 and 10:02:02:02. The Bureau is required to "annually review and adjust rates to reflect changes in economic conditions within the newspaper industry and the general economy," by consulting with newspapers and local units of government per SDCL 17-2-19.

Please be aware the Bureau will undertake this review and is seeking to consult with each of you and your stakeholders during this process. With that in mind, the Bureau is requesting your input on whether the rates should be adjusted and if so to what degree. Please provide your response and reasoning in writing and include copies of any relevant documentation regarding whether a change "within the newspaper industry and the general economy" has

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occurred since the 2016 rate increase. It is important to note that the Bureau's authority is limited to a determination of a rate increase. The Bureau has no authority to change the rules or statutes regarding if, when, and how publication is conducted.

The Bureau also asks that you forward this letter or information to any other stakeholders not listed above that may have relevant information to share with the Bureau when it conducts this review.

All stakeholders will have until March 22, 2021, at 5 p.m. (central) to provide their responses to the Bureau. Reponses can either be mailed through the U.S. mail to address listed above or can be emailed to Kirsten.Jasper@state.sd.us.

Once the Bureau has examined all the information submitted and completed its review process, you will be informed in writing if the Bureau plans to proceed with the process to change the rules or not pursuant to SDCL Chapter 1-26.

Sincerely,

Scott W. Bollinger Commissioner